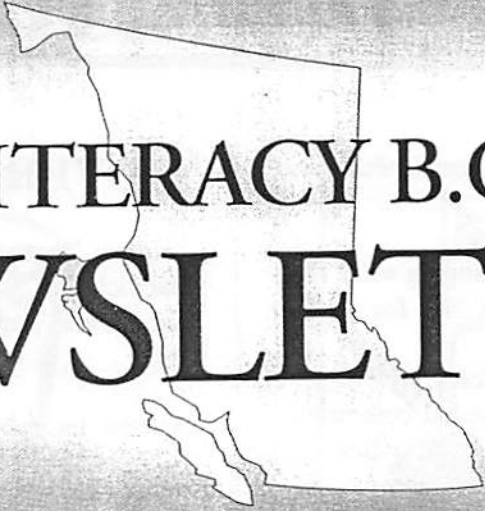




LITERACY B.C. NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1994

VOLUME 4, NUMBER 2

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE LITERACY B.C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections for the Literacy B.C. Board of Directors will be held in late May and June by mail.

Please send us names of people you would like to nominate for the 1994-95 elections. The following positions on the Board of Directors are available:

A Regional Representative for

CAPILANO
CARIBOO
OKANAGAN
FRASER VALLEY

MALASPINA
DOUGLAS
VANCOUVER
NORTHERN LIGHTS

There are also 4 MEMBER AT LARGE positions. All positions are for a two year term.

The Literacy B.C. Board of Directors meets 4 times each year, usually in Vancouver. All expenses for attending meetings are paid by Literacy B.C.

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings and to be involved in the work of Literacy B.C. on committees and in their communities.

Literacy B.C. wants to have a Board of Directors that includes learners, people from colleges, school districts and community based programs, libraries, business, labour and other interest groups.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
687-5077 or fax 687-5076

PLEASE HELP US TO HAVE

A STRONG ORGANIZATION...

**SEND THE ENCLOSED NOMINATION FORM BY
MAY 13, 1994**

Thanks!





NOMINATION FORM

1994

Literacy BC Board of Directors

I wish to nominate:

1

I wish to nominate:

2

Name

Name

Address

Address

Phone

Phone

Your Name

Your Name

Your Address

Your Address

Your Signature

Your Signature

I accept the nomination and want my name to stand for election to the 1994-95 Literacy B.C. Board or Directors as:

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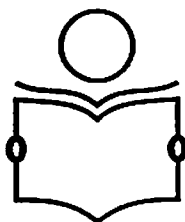
☐ Regional Representative

☐ Member at Large

☐ Member at Large

Signature

Signature



Send this form to:
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#1122-510 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1L8
Phone: 687-5077 • Fax: 687-5076



LEARNERS NETWORK NEWS



A LETTER TO LEARNERS FROM ERNA BARWICH

Greetings! Even though I cannot see you all, I know that you are there. Some, I met at Pearson College in

Victoria at the 1990 Learners Conference; others at the 1993 Provincial Learners Conference. Some of you I have gotten to know at the Literacy B.C. Board Meetings, and to those of you I have not met, hello to you.

I would like to say thank you to Carol Johnson from Prince George who encouraged me to write something about our last Literacy B.C. Board meeting on February 25-27 in Vancouver.

Audrey Thomas, President of Literacy B.C. welcomed everyone. She gave a description of the structure of the Board of Literacy B.C. Linda Mitchell, Executive Director of Literacy B.C. introduced two speakers: Ken Wall, a lawyer, who talked about the "Changing Roles and Responsibilities of Directors and Officers of Not For Profit Organizations (NPO)" and Judi Angel who talked about the "Fundraising Planning Study Report" she prepared for the Board.

We also had a session on planning for the future of Literacy B.C. We started with an opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves and say what they would like the future of Literacy B.C. to be. Everyone was seated in a circle while an eagle's feather was passed around. The person holding the feather could share something about

his/her first name and about literacy.

I would like to share with you my thoughts and comparison about the eagle and Literacy B.C. An eagle glides on the power of knowledge and understanding. It can soar way up into freedom, laughing at obstacles, but when it sees its prey it dives down to possess it. I see that Literacy B.C. gives learners an opportunity to soar into freedom. It helps learners to overcome obstacles. It understands and deals with learners issues and needs.

I have learned to understand and appreciate what Literacy B.C. has done, is doing and works hard to do for learners. I hope that all learners will have the opportunity to soar high, overcome obstacles and possess the victory. Since learners can identify with each other on a smaller or larger scale, let's encourage one another!

ERNA BARWICH lives in Yarrow, B.C., is married and the mother of six boys. She started literacy in 1989 with the tutor program. After one year, she joined the classroom system at Fraser Valley College, Chilliwack, and wrote her GED in the fall of 1992.

Erna is involved with The Fraser Valley East Literacy Association, local Learner Events and on the Literacy B.C. Board and Executive Committee. Recently Erna was elected to the MCL Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1994 CITATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship and Immigration Canada is calling for nominations for the 1994 Citation for Citizenship. Are there individuals and groups in your community who deserve recognition for their outstanding contributions to Canadian citizenship? Have their activities promoted the key citizenship values—freedom, justice, equality and respect for diversity? Citizenship and Immigration Canada is also interested in volunteer activities that have helped newcomers and new Canadians to integrate and become full members of society. There will be twenty-five Citations for Citizenship awarded in 1994. To get nomination forms or information on the 1994 Citation for Citizenship, contact:

Citizenship Registration and Promotion
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
15 Eddy Street
Hull, Quebec K1A 1K5
Phone: (819) 994-2701.



CANADA POST CORPORATION FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM AWARDS

The Canada Post Corporation Flight for Freedom Awards recognize the important contributions to the cause of literacy by organizations, businesses, educators and individuals in the following four categories:

The Governor General's Flight For Freedom Award: honours a literacy organization showing long-term achievement, innovation, leadership and organizational excellence.

The Corporate Canada Literacy Award: honours a company that has established literacy skills upgrading programs in the workplace or shown leadership in community literacy activities.

The Literacy Education Award: honours an educator for that person's dedication and commitment to literacy.

The Individual Achievement Award: honours a person who has attended a work or community literacy program and who has succeeded in improving her or his literacy skills.

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of representatives from Canadian literacy groups, business leaders and educators. Please send for your submission guidelines as early as possible. Final submissions must be received by June 30, 1994. For more information, contact:

Flight for Freedom Awards
Canada Post Corporation
2701 Riverside Dr. Suite N0640
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0B1.

1994 PACE AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each year adult educators are honoured by PACE (Pacific Association for Continuing Education). They are given an honorary life membership or an award for an outstanding contribution to adult education. If you have a name to put forward, please contact:

Shirley Abrams
736 West 46th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2R2
Phone: (604) 263-5922
Fax: (604) 871-7446.

SUPERIOR PROPANE SUPPORTS LITERACY

Once again, Superior Propane is proving its commitment to literacy work in Canada. These two very special events show this company's support and dedication to literacy initiatives in communities across B.C.

SUPERIOR PROPANE FILL FOR LITERACY 1994

From May 14 to May 21, Superior Propane will donate \$1.00 from every BBQ cylinder fill up. On Saturday, May 14th there will be barbecue cookouts, refreshments, entertainment and prizes at the 10 Superior Propane locations across B.C. On that day fill ups will be a special price of \$2.99 plus taxes.

Last year Superior Propane's **FILL FOR LITERACY** campaign raised over \$56,000 to support literacy initiatives across Canada.

Watch your local newspapers for the fill up coupon which can be used at Superior branches and participating dealers from May 14 - 21 and **FILL FOR LITERACY**. Funds raised at local Superior Propane branches stay in those communities and will support local literacy programs and/or organizations. Support Superior Propane and literacy by attending the May 14th events in the following communities:

Burns Lake
Campbell River
Coquitlam
Cranbrook
Ft. St. John

Kamloops
Nanaimo
Prince George
Victoria
Vernon

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rick Ursel

Area Sales Manager, Superior Propane

Phone: 941-6231 Fax: 941-1808

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FILL FOR LITERACY

Simply bring this coupon along with your barbecue tank to your local participating Superior Propane location. For every coupon we receive, we'll donate one dollar to a local literacy foundation. Valid from May 14 to May 21, 1994.
Valid only on 20 lb tanks. Not redeemable for cash.

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SUPERIOR PROPANE LEARNER AWARD

As part of their support for literacy and the PGI Golf Tournament, **Superior Propane** is once again providing a \$250 **LEARNER AWARD**. Literacy B.C. is wanting applications for this award.

The criteria for the Learner Award are:

1. The student is an adult.
2. The student needs to be planning to continue in a program.
3. The student needs to have attended some type of program, for at least 6 months, and preferably 1 year.
4. The student's attendance should be excellent.
5. The student must have a recommendation from a teacher or tutor.
6. The student should have shown substantial progress and/or exceptional progress.
7. The student must fill out an application, but their teacher or tutor can help the student to do this.

The winner will be chosen by a committee of adult learners.

For more information and to request application forms, call Literacy B.C. at 687-5077 or Fax 687-5076.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
JUNE 3, 1994

Superior
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CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

SPRING 1994 NON-PROFIT SECTOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Vancouver Community College is offering three certificate programs in non-profit management training:

- Fundraising Management Certificate Program
- Non-Profit Management Certificate Program
- Volunteer Management Certificate Program.

Information sessions for the Spring term will be at King Edward Campus, Room 4043

Thursday, April 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 8, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

For more information call:

Brenda Reynolds, Coordinator,
Volunteer Management Certificate Program,
871-7059

Anne Cochran, Coordinator,
Non-Profit Management and/or Fundraising
Management Certificate Program, 871-7061 or

Marilyn McClaren, Senior Program Coordinator,
Non-Profit Sector, 871-7064.

THE ORTON DYSLEXIA SOCIETY BC BRANCH, 1994 SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 16, 1994.

Richmond Inn, 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, B.C.

Theme: Powerful Reading, Joyful Students,
Empowered Teachers: Materials and Resources for
Learners Across the Curriculum.

For more information, call:

Allyn Rodden at (604) 241-3442 (days)
and (604) 274-7838 (evenings).

LAUBACH LITERACY OF CANADA MINI-CONFERENCE

April 22 - 24, 1994

YMCA Enterprise Centre

203 - 888 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The Conference will include:

- first provincial organization meeting
- fifth anniversary of Laubach in B.C.
- learners event
- tutor appreciation
- tutor and learner workshops

For more information call:

Crystal Lee at 685-8066

Fax: 684-3255.

THE CENTRE FOR LITERACY WORKSHOPS 1993 - 1994 (MONTREAL)

Virtual Realities: From the Concrete to the Barely Imaginable; From the Barely Imaginable to the Fairly Responsible

Friday, April 22, 1994

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: \$80.00

Instructor: Stephen Marcus of the Graduate School of Education, University of California, Santa Barbara. This workshop will illustrate how computer technology can be used for educational purposes in the future.

How to Implement a Quality Family Literacy Program

Friday, May 13, 1994

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: \$60.00

Instructor: Meta Potts, from the National Center for Family Literacy, Louisville, Kentucky. This workshop deals with the basics of family literacy. For more information call:

The Centre for Literacy at
(514) 931-8731, local 1415,
or FAX (514) 931-5181.

NEWS • NEWS • NEWS

FEDERAL SOCIAL POLICY REFORM

Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Human Resource Development is chairing a federal government Task Force on Social Policy Reform. This task force is meeting to consider changes to major social programs including:

- unemployment insurance
- welfare programs
- training programs including literacy

The Movement For Canadian Literacy (MCL) presented a brief to the Task Force on March 10. They tried to address literacy issues in the larger context of unemployment and poverty. They proposed a new initiative, the *Canada Literacy Act* to guarantee literacy training to everyone who needs it.

The federal government is moving very quickly with the proposed changes to these programs. The Task Force will be meeting for another six weeks. The Minister will release an Action Plan in May. It is expected that new programs and legislation will be in place by the late fall.

MPs will also be holding meetings in their ridings to talk about social policy reform in May and June. We will keep you informed about these proposed meetings.

Literacy B.C. has the following background information available to its members:

- information on the Task Force
- proposed changes to the unemployment insurance program
- the process and timetable
- the MCL brief to the Task Force

Call or Fax our office if you would like any of this information sent to you.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (CLA) APPROVES ACTION FOR LITERACY STATEMENT

The Canadian Library Association (CLA) has approved the following statement:

Every person has an equal right to access to information, to all forms of knowledge, to creativity and intellectual activity.

Literacy is a basic human right. Literacy creates the conditions by which students can participate in decision making in all areas of society, including economic, political, social and cultural activities.

People live in many different ways throughout their lives. Life-long education, formal and informal, should be available for every person in Canada.

Libraries have an important role to play in promoting literacy and life-long learning.

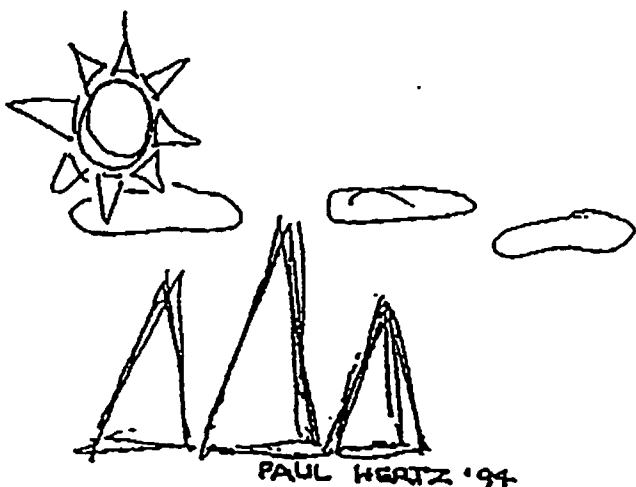
Based on these beliefs the Canadian Library Association is encouraging its members to take action in their communities to promote literacy and life-long learning, and has a dozen specific recommendations for activities.

For more information about the CLA Action for Literacy Interest Group contact:

Aphrodite Harris
Public Services Librarian
King Edward Campus Library
Vancouver Community College
1155 East Broadway
Box 24620, Station F
Vancouver, BC V5H 5T9
voice: (604) 871-7318

Jim Page has just been appointed as the DIRECTOR GENERAL of the National Literacy Secretariat (NLS). Jim comes to NLS from a long career in education and Canadian Studies. Most recently, he was Director General of the Education Support Branch, Department of Human Resource Development.

1994 Summer Literacy Institute



This summer, from July 4 - 15 Literacy B.C., in partnership with the Open Learning Agency is holding a Summer Literacy Institute at Simon Fraser University. 60 people from B.C., Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be attending. Four exciting courses will be offered during the two weeks of the Institute.

Workplace Training July 4 - 8

Sue Folinsbee, from ABC CANADA, will be instructing this course. Participants in the course will also hear from a panel of experienced workplace practitioners; develop needs assessments and design workplace curriculum.

Literacy Development July 4 - 8

Robin Millar, from the Manitoba Literacy Office, will be instructing this course, which will focus on approaches in literacy instruction. Topics will include:

- assessment and program planning for students with learning disabilities
- teaching strategies for developing critical thinking
- learner assessment and evaluation

Literacy Development July 11 - 15

Pat Rigg from Tucson Arizona, will be the instructor. This course will focus on Rethinking Literacy Definitions. Course participants will have an opportunity to develop their skills as practitioners in areas such as:

- whole language as a view of language and of teaching and learning
- rethinking literacy definitions and concepts
- cross-cultural dynamics encountered in literacy practice

Issues in Adult Literacy Work July 11 - 15

Jenny Horsman, from Toronto, will instruct this course. This course will include a wide range of topics such as:

- learning disabilities and special needs
- developing assessment tools

- new approaches in literacy drawing from International experience
- racism, classism and sexism

In the afternoons, a series of **Special Interest Workshops** will be offered for full-time participants in the Summer Institute and others who would like to attend. For those only attending the afternoon workshops, there will be a small fee for each workshop.

The Special Interest Workshops will be facilitated by practitioners from B.C. and the 3 prairie provinces. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of both weeks, two workshops will be available to choose from.

Some of the facilitators for these workshops are: Audrey Thomas, Carmen Rodriguez, Lee Weinstein, Suzanne de Castel, and Lynn Campbell and Dale Klassen from the Manitoba Workplace Language Training program.

The Special Interest Workshops topics include:

- Workplace Training
- Racism, Sexism, and other Isms in the classroom
- Family Literacy Projects in B.C.
- ESL Literacy
- Program Evaluation
- an introduction to new manuals for literacy practitioners

For more information on the Summer Institute contact:

Mary Thompson Boyd

Tel: (604) 687-5077 • Fax: (604) 687-5076

LEARNERS NETWORK NEWS

THOUGHTS FROM ONE LEARNER

Learner Clyde "Lou" French says adults who have failed to learn through all their years of school bring a complex set of problems to class. For him, advisors at the College were helpful when it came to talking about choices he could make in school. Still, he felt that he and many others could have done better if they had more help with personal things like self esteem and managing time, money and stress. Low self esteem and feelings of insecurity often color the way an adult learner reacts to events in school. French talks about how he felt inferior to teachers. "Any learner who went through school didn't learn for a reason. I felt like the teacher was higher and I was lower. There was a communication gap".

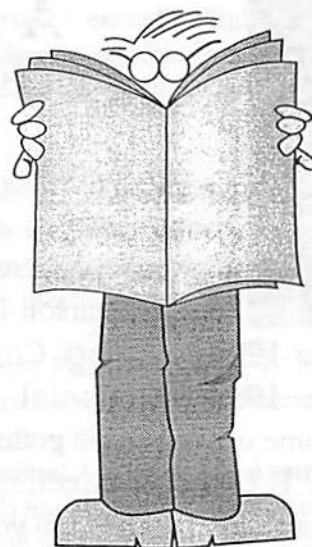
As a learner at Project Literacy meetings, French felt that gap as well. "I felt outnumbered. It was new, I didn't know anybody, and I was nervous. I felt very alone. As I got more confident, it got better".

French has a wish list for adult learners:

1. One place to find out about all the literacy programs in his region.
2. For single mothers, day care that is near to the program, or where classes are being held.
3. Counselling services that help with drug and alcohol abuse "but that is a touchy area".

French ends by saying, "Now I'm not ashamed to tell someone I can't read, because I know I didn't have choices when I was younger. I used to blame the teachers, the school system, my parents. Now we're at a no fault situation. I join other learners in B.C., working to learn".

**We would like to have letters, reports
about learner groups, poems, etc.
from learners in every Newsletter.
Please mail or fax your information to
Literacy B.C.**



HAVE YOUR ART ON THE COVER OF LEARNERS TALKING TO LEARNERS

We would like your help to make the 1994 cover of "Learners Talking to Learners" report more interesting. Please send us your designs for the cover. One of the designs will be chosen for the cover of the 1994 booklet, "Learners Talking to Learners". This booklet is a report on all the 1994 Regional Learner Events.

The design you send should:

- be in black and white
- be either 8 1/2 inches wide by 11 inches high (front cover only) OR 17 inches wide by 11 inches high (front and back cover)
- have the following words: LEARNERS TALKING TO LEARNERS

The deadline for submissions is **June 1, 1994**. Please include your name and a day and evening phone number.

Mail your artwork to:

Learners Talking to Learners
c/o 707 - 12th Street
New Westminster, B.C. V3M 4J7

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

The Literacy B.C. Board of Directors met in February for 3 days. The meeting included:

- a talk by Ken Wall about the changing roles and responsibilities of Directors of Not for Profit Organizations (NPO)
- a day long strategic planning session
- the business meeting which included committee reports and a review of the 1993 - 94 activities.

At the meeting the Board elected Lee Weinstein and Erna Barwich as the two representatives who will be on the Movement for Canadian Literacy Board (MCL).

Highlights from Committee Reports included:

TRAINING

- plans for the 1994 Summer Literacy Institute
- Volunteer Skills Development workshops have been held in Smithers and Prince George and in April 1994 in Fort St. John
- a survey about a core curriculum for tutor training is being done
- the Regional Coordinators Project has been approved and will start in May
- a Workplace Forums project in partnership with OLA has been approved

**THE NEXT
LITERACY BC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WILL BE IN JUNE.
WE HOPE THAT
SENATOR FAIRBAIRN,
THE MINISTER FOR LITERACY,
WILL JOIN US.**

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Audrey Thomas, President, Alan Smith and Erna Barwich met with senior staff at the Ministry of Skills Labour and Training to discuss the future of literacy in B.C.

A letter has been sent to say how concerned Literacy B.C. is that the government is closing the Plain Language office March 31. Literacy B.C. also sent letters to MPs as part of the Literacy Action Day in Ottawa February 17.

LEARNERS CAUCUS

A cost shared application has been sent in for a 1995 Provincial Learners Conference and Training called: LEARNERS TO-DAY, LEADERS TOMORROW.

FUND RAISING PLANNING STUDY

In 1993 the Literacy B.C. Board decided to commit its leadership and resources to do a study about the possibility of raising 3 million dollars for a Literacy Endowment Fund in B.C. The purpose of such a Fund would be to provide core funds to non-profit community groups which provide literacy services.

Judi Angel, a fund raising consultant, was hired to do the study. She worked with the Literacy B.C. Executive Committee, Executive Director and an Advisory Committee.

The study consisted of gathering information, preparing a statement of need and face to face interviews with 43 people. The Board is now following up on the recommendations in this report.

SPECIAL EVENTS



for Literacy BC

VANCOUVER BIZ BEE

June 23, 1994
Vancouver Playhouse Theatre
6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

COST: \$400 per team (includes complimentary tickets)
\$35 Audience tickets.

The second Annual Vancouver Biz Bee will be bigger and better! Lots of new celebrities, teams and exciting prizes. Why not field a team and show off your company's spelling skill or just come and enjoy the fun!

For more information call: 687-5077



PLAY A ROUND FOR LITERACY!

Friday, August 26, 1994
UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB

The PGIs are very special events—a poet laureate helps mark the occasion, music, special on-course activities, lots of great prizes—for duffers and serious golfers—and fun!

11:30 a.m. Registration and Complimentary Lunch

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

7:00 p.m. Dinner, prizes

COST: \$175 (tax receipt will be issued)

To Register or For More Information call: 687-5077

WHO WE ARE

Literacy B.C., founded in March 1990, is a coalition of people and groups concerned with promoting literacy in B.C.

Our mission is to promote literacy, to support literacy learners, to develop community partnerships and to present a united voice on literacy. We are supported by Human Resources &

Labour Canada, National Literacy Secretariat, memberships and donations. Literacy B.C. welcomes your news and comments.

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LIBRARIES AND LITERACY SUMMIT '94

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The British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) is hosting a cost-shared project: **Libraries and Literacy Summit '94**. The Summit will take place on June 13th and June 14th at City Centre Campus, VCC. Delegates from libraries in each region of the province as well as representatives from literacy groups, will meet to talk about the role of libraries in literacy work and to create a plan for the future.

For more information contact:

Don Holmsten,
Summit Coordinator,
British Columbia Library Association,
110 - 6545 Bonsor Avenue,
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 1H3
Phone: (604) 430-9633
Fax: (604) 430-8595.

COMMUNITY BASED TRAINING: MEETING THE CHALLENGE CONFERENCE '94

June 22-24, 1994 in Toronto
ONESTep (Ontario Network of Employment Skills Training Projects) present Conference '94. The theme is Community-Based Training: Meeting the Challenge.

For more information contact:

Suzanne Robinson, ONESTep
517 Wellington Street West, Suite 210
Toronto, ON M5V 1G1
Phone: (416) 591-7151
Fax: (416) 591-9126

CELEBRATING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY: PARTNERSHIPS IN LITERACY AND LANGUAGE LEARNING

September 30 - October 1, 1994
Holiday Inn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Guest Speakers:

Bob Spillman, Executive Vice-President, National Center for Family Literacy, Louisville, KY
Judith Kiley, Rochester, New York
Barbara Bate, Chilliwack, B.C.
Mary Gordon, Toronto, Ontario
Lise deVilliers, Kingston, Ontario

For more information contact:

The Saskatchewan Literacy Network
Phone: (306) 653-7368 Fax: (306) 933-6490

THE FIRST NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY CONFERENCE: "FAMILY LEARNING— IT ALL STARTS HERE"

November 2 - 5, 1994
Delta Hotel, Ottawa
Registration: \$200.00
Special Guest Speaker: Denny Taylor

If you would like to present a workshop at the conference, send a 1-2 page outline of your workshop presentation to:

National Family Literacy Conference
c/o Movement for Canadian Literacy
458 MacLaren Street, 2nd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
K1R 5K6

Attention: Workshop Committee
Telephone: (613) 563-2464

For more information, contact:

Bram Fisher
Movement For Canadian Literacy
Phone: (613) 563-2464